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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 2, 2005, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.